



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2003 Senate Bill 279

**Senate Substitute
Amendment 1**

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Current law does not require loan originators to take an initial competency examination nor does it require registered loan originators to take any continuing education.

2003 Senate Bill 279 (the bill) establishes competency examination and continuing education requirements for loan originators. With certain exceptions, the bill requires a person applying for registration as a loan originator to pass an initial competency exam. In addition, to renew his or her registration, a loan originator must either complete 16 hours of education in mortgage financing transactions and the laws regulating mortgage bankers and mortgage brokers, or pass an exam demonstrating sufficient knowledge of those subjects. Under the bill, the competency examinations are administered by the technical college system board or by a professional trade association whose members includes loan originators.

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 (the amendment) makes two changes to the bill. First, the amendment exempts from the examination and education requirements loan originators who are employed by an affiliate of a credit union, bank, trust company, savings bank, savings and loan association, insurance company, or a land mortgage or farm loan association. Second, the amendment allows any person approved by the division of banking to administer the competency examinations.

Senate Substitute Amendment 1 to 2003 Senate Bill 279 was adopted by the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Financial Institutions and Insurance by a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0, on November 4, 2003.

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